

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

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Review of Swachh Bharat Mission
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has put the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) under the scanner for a critical review of all Central Schemes by a Group of Secretaries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the pace of the SBM has been slow and it is quite difficult to achieve the target by 02.10.2019;
- (c) whether it is also true that the Government has started brainstorming workshops with State Mission Directors to take stock of the progress of the SBM and to expedite the achievements of sanitation in a sustainable manner; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is under review of Group of Secretaries on Health, Sanitation and Urban Development. The recommendations of Group of Secretaries has regularly been monitored.

(b) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM (G)) launched on 2nd October, 2014 with aims to attain Swachh Bharat by 2nd October 2019. The focus of the scheme is on behavior change and usage of toilets. Against the expected outcome of 50 lakh individual latrines for the year 2014-15, 58,54,987 latrines were constructed, which is an achievement of 117% of the target. During 2015-16, 127.41 lakh toilets were constructed against expected outcome of 120.00 lakh. For the year 2016-17, against the expected outcome of 1.5 crore individual latrines, 219.24 lakh latrines (146%) have been constructed. For the year 2017-18, against the expected outcome of 1.7 crore individual latrines, 45, 19,942 latrines (27%) have been constructed as on 17-07-2017. Sanitation Coverage, which was 41.80% on 2.10.2014, has increased to 65.07% on 17-07-2017. A total of 2, 09,099 Villages, 95,521 Gram Panchayats, 1,411 Blocks and 149 District have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) as on 17-07-2017. In addition, 5 States namely Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Uttarakhand and Haryana have also been declared ODF. Swachh Bharat Mission has picked up great momentum now and the Ministry is hopeful to achieve the target of Swachh Bharat by 02.10.2019.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation regularly reviews the progress made under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) with States. State Secretaries Conference along with Mission Directors was organized on 17-18 Feb 2017 at National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad. National Workshop on "Swachh Bharat" was organized 22nd March, 2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.